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have immortal souls, he for one shall not  
be troubled with such an amiable weakness. The  
Sanitary Congress seems likely to do good  
service in awakening public thought to  
the necessity of better housing, and house-  
hold individual health. It has proposed that  
to President should have professed himself  
opposed to the "germ" theory of disease.  
One would like to know how he gets over the  
history of fermentation, as observed and  
explained by our microscopists, or facts like  
those collected with reference to the develop-  
ment of dysentery by a well-known Melbourn-  
ian; writing under the signature of  
"Mucosin." However, Dr. Richardson is emi-  
nently a practical man, and if he can induce  
his fellow-labourers to attend to drainage water supply,  
and their ventils, and our ladies to protect  
their heads, dock their heels, and  
leave their lungs free play, he may claim  
to be a public benefactor, even if voted hetero-  
dox as to the process through which certain  
diseases find their way into the human frame.  
By the way, there is a simple and effective  
mode of ventilation (in rooms built without  
provision for that purpose) which is  
now only come into use in England, and may be  
applied to all existing buildings, when care is  
taken of forcing air downwards. The floor of  
about five inches, and a flat piece of board  
of some depth, tilting closely with what my  
father calls a "rabbit," to exclude *hair* is  
all it is in the vacant place. Thus a free entrance  
of fresh air is left above, between the two  
floors, without any risk of draught.

At the Congress of Librarians. (Another  
congratulatory novelty), Australia came out strong in  
the person of Sir Redmond Barry. To those  
who are acquainted with the Melbourne  
Public Library—an institution which, for good  
arrangement and comprehensive usefulness, I  
believe to be unsurpassed by anything  
else of the same scale except the "New York  
Library"—it was no surprise that the Librarian  
should make the most of those unwearied and  
self-sacrificing exertions that library owes so much  
of its success, should have been able to impart to  
its fellow-labourers in the same field much of  
valuable information and practical advice.  
The Librarian of the British Museum is, I  
doubt, a "great fact," but his very  
nearness renders it too little accessi-  
ble to the many—too little available  
as "human nature's daily food." Sir Red-  
mond Barry's suggestion of branch libraries on  
a moderate scale, supplied by and connected  
with the British Museum, was most favour-  
ably received. His plan was to have  
one in each of the country branches in Victoria  
connected from the main library at Melbourne  
and this important work seem, not desirable  
only, but practically feasible.

I fear my readers must be tired of Con-  
ferences, so I will only say a few words as to  
the "Church Congress" presided over by the  
Archbishop of Canterbury, which has for some  
time been sitting at Croydon, and is but now  
closing its meetings. It has, I think, done  
some good, chiefly by bringing into personal  
contact men who misjudged each other  
at a distance. In deliberating for the  
first time on common Church, Christian  
questions, ministers can hardly be so much  
biased, numerous and important are the  
questions on which they agree, than those on  
which they differ. High Church, Low Church,  
Broad Church may by the aid of a little  
charity and fair construction all work together  
and work perhaps more effectively because  
they have their several affinities with  
different minds. There is one and only  
no difference which cannot be gotten  
over—a difference which separates the  
Anglican from the Roman—their views on  
that is sound and English in the highest  
communication. It is the difference symbolised  
by the two words *presbyteros* and *hieries*, both  
unhappily confounded in the one name of  
*priest*. If an English clergyman is content to  
be an "elder" among Christian brethren—a  
minister—to the spiritual wants of the peo-  
ple—an "overseer"—to the Churches—a  
pastor—to the flock of Christ, he may claim  
the right hand of fellowship from all sound  
churchmen, though he may have a penitent  
and a Greek schismatic, and a Russian symbo-  
list and a Georgian canon. But let him once  
claim to be what he is nowhere called in the New  
Testament, a sacrificing priest—a mysterious  
and exalted personage, exempt from family  
duties and the duties of citizenship, lord over  
God's heritage instead of the "servant of all,"  
when his place is not in the English Church,  
or indeed in the English social system. His  
place is in the ranks of Ultramontanism—  
among those who are labouring to crush the  
French Republic, to undermine the hard-won  
liberty of Italy, and everywhere to substitute  
ecclesiastical discipline for law and freedom  
and enlightened progress.

These are grave themes, and fraught with  
much of anxious thought. Let me relieve them  
by a few miscellaneous trifles. Therwaite while  
dead. The luckless catocopey, dear-bought  
and far-fetched, who was to have restored the  
fallen fortunes of the Aquarium and sweet-  
ened the evil savour of Mr. Wybrow Robert-  
son's management, has "spouted" his last  
bullet for a week, stared at for three days,  
then—blubber! A curious circumstance  
has happened here. A large supply of eels  
had been provided for his dinner, and a few  
more during his first two days of detention,  
and then the tables were turned. As his  
appetite and strength failed, the surviving  
eels, instead of skulking in pools and corners,  
"Hove'd about the enemy, and mark'd"  
the symptoms of decay. The very moment  
he was "over, and the breath had  
left his carcass, they were at him and into  
him, with hunger whetted by vengeance,  
user, but true.

This season has shown a gleam of better  
days for the turf in Lord Falmouth's continued  
successes. That a nobleman who races "as  
well and never best a shilling should have  
been actually run £250,000 in stakes, chiefly on  
the great point is really a fact. Gals-  
worthy has accomplished his wonderful feat  
again, walking the mile and a half  
in a little more than a quarter of the thousandth  
of a second. Some 15,000 People  
attended on the last day, not I suspect to  
witness his triumph, but in a vague expecta-  
tion of some catastrophe. A less vigorous or  
more-trained athlete had died but a few days  
before immediately after winning a match to  
walk 180 miles in 48 hours, and this sad  
fact raised morbid excitement as to the  
possibility in God and man. But his apo-  
calypses never failed him; and, as the specta-  
tators to learn that from time to time, he  
dropped himself with a glass of ale.

Xal Day. The last-half of the month has  
seen eventful, yet the events have tended  
rather to heighten than to terminate doubt  
and suspense. The French elections of the  
4th terminated much as I had expected, in  
the triumph of the Republicans, which with

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